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1. U.S. Patent No. 6,101,508, issued on August 8, 2000 to Wolff.
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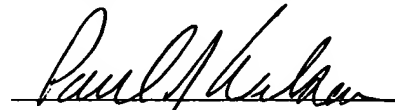
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